

**Greensburg City Council  
November 17, 2014  
City Hall**

**Item 1: Opening Session**

**Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call**

Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the invocation given by Pastor Franklin Ruff. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, and Rick Schaffer. Haley Kern was absent.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

City Administrator Ed Truelove requested that item 4C be added to the agenda: "Discuss and consider the 2015 501(c)3 grant program." Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended addition. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Mayor's Report**

There was no report from the Mayor.

**Council Member's Report**

There was no report from Council.

**City Administrator Comments**

Truelove briefed Council on the following topic:

- The visit from Canopy, Neva Murtha and Wade Chute, last week was a great success. Many positive comments were received from those who met with the group. Staff will help distribute farmer surveys to those who were unable to attend.

**Item 2: Public Comment**

Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments from the public.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

Truelove pointed out that the agenda states that the minutes from the November 13, 2014 Special Council Meeting are to be approved. As shown on the minutes in the meeting packet, the special meeting was held on November 12, 2014. Trummel made a motion to approve consent agenda. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Item 4: Items of Business**

**A. Discuss and consider options for the slide at the Greensburg pool.**

Truelove had distributed a list of pool add alternates, previously presented by McCown Gordon Construction. The list had been altered by Staff to give 3 scenarios and cost totals for each. On the projection screen, and distributed in the meeting packet, was a drawing of two slide options for the pool. Option A is a 2 loop slide at \$155,000, which was included in the approved base bid. Option B is a 1.5 loop slide that would be approximately \$13,000 less than the 2 loop slide. Truelove stated that, should Council choose Option B, they could utilize the cost savings to purchase some of the add alternates, which were discussed at length. Truelove pointed out that some of the add alternates have release dates by which a decision on whether to approve them must be reached in order for them to be part of the project.

Dixson opened the meeting to public comment. Mitzi Hesser, Pool Advisory Committee, recommended Council select the 2 loop slide. Over the summer, she observed a very diverse set of age demographics utilizing the 2 loop slide at Coldwater. Hesser stated that very young children were using the slide, and she feels that there would be a very small population that would utilize the Opt #13 tot slide. Hesser also recommended that Council forgo Opt #1, air conditioning system in office/concessions, and that they check with Coldwater about the issues they had with their original chemical setup. Trummel agreed with the recommendation of the larger slide and the air conditioning. He asked if the larger pool would change the site footprint. The approved plans show a two loop slide as a place holder.

Truelove advised that another pool committee member had left a message with Staff that she would recommend the smaller slide and use the savings to purchase shades.

Dixson asked if there would be a difference in insurance between the two slides. Truelove was not aware of any difference.

Christenson, Jungemann, and Schaffer voiced their desire to move forward with a 2 loop slide, as depicted in the approved plans and base bid. No additional action was needed.

**B. Consider the reappointments of Jennifer Greenleaf, Grant Neuhold, and Kathryn Ritter to the Convention and Tourism Board for terms beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018.**

Jungemann made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to reappoint Jennifer Greenleaf, Grant Neuhold, and Kathryn Ritter to the Convention and Tourism Board for terms beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018. Motion passed 4-0.

**C. Discuss and consider the 2015 501 (c)3 grant program.**

Truelove reminded Council that, during the budget process, there was some discussion on whether or not to continue funding the 501(c)3 program. There were concerns over other City responsibilities, such as equipment and depleting city reserves. Truelove discussed the issue with Stacy Barnes, Tourism Director, and asked her to help get the word out to interested parties that he would be asking Council to discuss the issue at tonight's meeting. Barnes believes that some 501(c)3 entities provide services that are quality of life issues (i.e. 5.4.7 Art Center, Twilight Theatre, Senior Center). Though the amount they have previously received from the City will not keep them open, it has helped with special projects. Truelove offered two options: 1. Cancel the program for 2015; 2. Proceed with the program through 2015, as budgeted, with the understanding that the program is coming to an end. Truelove acknowledged that canceling the program this close to the end of the year did not give recipients much notice.

Discussion was held on the number of repeat applicants, how notifications are sent out, and budgetary issues that are in the near future. Christenson voiced his desire to support local 501(c)3 efforts to provide a better quality of life for area residents and suggested a third option, forgiving a percentage of the entity's utility bill. Trummel pointed out that the City supported the Senior Center through utilities prior to the tornado. He voiced that he would like to see that support continue, but questioned the Council's responsibility in continuing to offer the program over all. He is not interested in supporting a group's general expenses and stressed that the original intent of the program was to assist with specified, special projects.

Kari Kyle, Kiowa County Senior Center, and Adam Wagner, Twilight Theatre, spoke to the future need for assistance with general expenses rather than just special projects. Neither entity is dependent on City funds at this time. Utility costs are a considerable portion of the entities general expenses. Wagner

noted that some cities create other programs such as sales tax initiatives to help fund the arts in their communities.

Council discussed the process by which applicants are notified, who should be eligible, and whether or not to proceed in 2015. Christenson and Jungemann agree that it would be unfair to discontinue the program this late in the year. Dixon recommended Council revisit the issue prior to the next budget process. Christenson requested Staff obtain a list of all 501(c)3 entities in the county and made a motion to table the discussion to a future meeting. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Item 5: City Attorney's Report**

There was no report from the City Attorney.

**Item 6: Executive Session**

Truelove requested a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Trummel made a motion to go into executive session until 7:00 p.m. Schaffer seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Council returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

**Item 7: Adjournment**

Dixon declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

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Christy Pyatt, City Clerk